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REMARKS

The subject application is a U.S. national phase application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of

International Application No. PCT/JP2005/023699. Claims 1-22 are pending, with claims 1,

9-12 and 20-22 being in independent form. By this Preliminary Amendment, the

specification and claims 9-11 and 20-22 have been amended to correct typographical errors

therein.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the

subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him

at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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